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THE ORIGIN AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE
FRATERNITY SYSTEM.

THE Fraternity system has had its origin in and has depended for its development upon certain conditions inherent in human nature. The Fraternity has never, throughout the course of its evolution been the expression of a new principle. That constant demand of the hearts of men and women for sympathy, for inspiration, support and co-operation, which it is the purpose and aim of the Fraternity to satisfy, existed long before fraternities began to have a being, long before even educational institutions had found their place. Men and women have always drawn much of the inspiration, with which their lives are fed, from the sympathy of the kindred hearts about them, and the college fraternity organization is simply a particular expression of a particular phase of this time-old demand.

Student life, during those years of "doing and development," when discouragement is so frequent and depressing and encouragement so beneficial, has particular need of the fellowship

accomplished by sympathetic organization. At no time in the history of an individual is there greater demand for co-operative and helpful association than in these years, when for the first time the student is placed in a new atmosphere, unsupported by the self-poise and self-reliance which maturer years will bring to him. In his temporary isolation, the student's need for the companionship of those minds and hearts, whose vocation is similar, and whose hopes and aims are one and the same is great; and it was from the sense of this need that the fraternity as an organization came into existence.

The first American Greek letter fraternity made its appearance more than a century ago. On the 5th of December, 1776, at the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Va., Phi Beta Kappa was founded. Several branch chapters were organized shortly afterward, foremost among which were those of Harvard and Yale, which served to preserve the society during the period of the Revolutionary war and to aid in the subsequent establishment of its chapters. This society was quite formal in its nature; its membership was confined to the two upper classes, and it soon lost whatever of vitality and fraternity spirit had existed in the original organization. It is now a purely honorary society. Phi Beta Kappa remained alone until 1821, when a senior society was founded at Yale, and called the Chi Delta Theta. Between the establishment of Phi Beta Kappa and that of Chi Delta Theta, the organized literary society made its appearance, not always secret in organization and as a rule without Greek nomenclature. Its object was training and drill in composition and oratory, and it afforded little or no social advantages. Chapter life, as we know it, did not exist among these societies; and there was little actual interest taken in their proceedings except at times of elections and literary contests.

It was not until the year 1825 that the fraternity system, as it now exists and as we know it, was originated. In that year at Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., the Kappa Alpha Society

was formed. Two years later two other societies sprang up, the Sigma Phi and the Delta Phi. These three organizations were known as the "Union Triad," and have been considered the founders of the existing system. Imitation or opposition to these three has given rise to almost all of the similar organizations. From this time on the growth of fraternities became more and more rapid; and within a half century many organizations had become firmly planted. Among the earliest to become established were the Psi Upsilon, 1833; Beta Theta Pi, 1839 (the first fraternity to be organized in the West); the Chi Psi, in 1841; Phi Delta Theta in 1842; Delta Kappa Epsilon in 1844; and Phi Gamma Delta in 1848.

Among women, fraternity life must be regarded as one of the products of co-education; and it was not until women were admitted into some of our Western colleges that the first woman's fraternity appeared. The first to organize as a regular Greek letter fraternity, with principles akin to the societies already in existence, was the Kappa Alpha Theta in 1870; six months later in the same year Kappa Kappa Gamma followed; in 1872 Delta Gamma; about the same time Alpha Phi; Gamma Phi Beta in 1874; and Tri Delta in 1888. The I. C. Sorosis, now under a new name, Pi Beta Phi, antedates Kappa Alpha Theta in its establishment, having originated in 1867; but not until 1888 was it organized with Greek nomenclature and as a regular collegiate fraternity.

The popularity of the fraternity system is marvelous. It has permeated every section of the country. There are now in existence twenty-eight general fraternities among college men, eight among college women, seventeen professional fraternities located in special schools of music, language, medicine, agriculture, law and engineering, and sixteen local organizations of more or less prominence. The statistics of 1890 show a membership in the general fraternities of 92,279, in women's fraternities 7,303, in professional societies 3,364, in local organizations 3,876, making

in all a grand total of 106,822 fraternity men and women throughout the United States.

From this brief outline we are able to judge how widespread is this system of ours. It has become one of the most potent factors in American college life. It is now a firmly established institution, and is attracting attention in all educational circles. Throughout its history the system has had both friends and foes, and it still possesses both merits and defects. In the century which has passed since the establishment of the first chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, many improvements have been made. There has, in fact, been a constant evolution in the general plan, scope, and organization of the fraternity idea. Out of the few original bands of students of congenial minds scattered here and there with little or no organization, with each chapter independent almost to a state of anarchy, with almost no knowledge of the condition and workings of sister chapters, have developed a series of fraternities with truly formidable organizations, with centralized governments, the individual chapters of which are in close and constant touch with one another. Many of the fraternities have become incorporated bodies, and the legal status of the system has now become fully recognized.

It is, however, in the history and development of woman's fraternity life that we are more especially interested at this time. The question which now confronts us is, how far have we progressed and what is there ahead of us? The quarter of a century of our fraternity life corresponds closely to the period of woman's intellectual development and activity. The culture of this century is broad and its spirit is kindly and liberal. Have we as fraternity women succeeded in instilling into our organizations a portion at least of the culture and spirit of this nineteenth century? If we *have* not, or *are* not so doing, the future existence of our societies will be a precarious one. The Fraternity, as an organization, came into being during the last century; but if it does not grow with the times, out of the spirit of the eighteenth

century into that of the nineteenth and twentieth, if its scope and range of activities do not widen, sooner or later it must lay down its life, and give place to something that will fulfill the demands of the time.

In the main, I think, we may congratulate ourselves upon the progress our societies have made. They have far out-grown the expectations of those women who twenty-five years ago labored to establish them. They have assumed proportions of which their founders did not dream. We have accomplished a great deal, it is true, but there is still much that can and ought to be done. With most of us the constructive period of organization is passed, and our existence is now sufficiently insured for us to look beyond the pale of our own being. There is a growing demand for a broader and more liberal fraternity culture, and for what might be called a more thorough fraternity education. The growing tendency toward Pan-Hellenism is an indication of this. The first Pan-Hellenic Convention, held in 1891, with Phi Chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma, was able to do a certain amount of good; but some of us at that time were not secure enough in ourselves to be ready for permanent Pan-Hellenic organization. Pan-Hellenism, it is true, will never accomplish all that we who participated in the first Pan-Hellenic Convention hoped that it would. It may be that as a movement it will never assume a definite, tangible shape, yet its spirit ought to be cultivated, for it possesses a strong educating power. A permanent Pan-Hellenic federation would certainly do no less for young women while in college than our National and State Federations of Clubs are doing for older women.

Another question which the future development of our societies must determine is that of Alumnae work. We all feel the need of the help of our Alumnae. All of us are endeavoring to secure their co-operation. If we expect to keep a vital hold upon them, especially upon those who leave the college and fraternity atmosphere, the range and scope of fraternity activity must

widen, and that too in such a way and along such lines that the collegiate activity be not swallowed up. The two departments, collegiate and alumnae, must continue closely related, yet distinct, united under the same general organization and government, but with legislation adapted for the peculiar needs of each. Alumnae organization has its own future to work out. What it may prove to be we do not know. The true province of the fraternity is the college world. This is its native soil and it will not flourish if far removed. We have all had a fair measure of success; for we have built up organizations, which are a benefit and an inspiration to the young college women throughout the length and breadth of the land. We have done this much well and are hopeful of still better things.



LITERARY LIFE IN OUR CHAPTERS.

Among numerous other things that mortals do which the Good Book tells them not to do is to judge by appearances.

We are all attracted by a graceful, sprightly woman, or a gallant, mannerly man; and although the shy, awkward little woman over in the corner may be profoundly learned, if she cannot overcome her diffidence and her indifference and tell us what she knows in an entertaining way, we go back to the sprightly woman and mannerly man and leave our little Greek Root planteé là.

Perhaps the Lord originally intended us to appear as we really were, neither more nor less, better or worse. And had we always been so devoted to the truth we might now be so nicely balanced outwardly and inwardly as always to be able to say just what we mean, and to make in words a perfect picture of what we think and know and are. But that would make of us perfectly natural human beings, and it is safe to say that no one has ever seen a perfectly natural human being since Eve plucked the fig leaves.

But if we are destined yet a little while to appear what we are not, let us make the best of it, and appear the better, not the worse. Once in a while comes a time when our faculties seem to be really wide awake—we are conscious of thinking clearly and remembering vividly—we meet some one who draws out all the best there is in us of thought and fancy, and we are surprised afterwards to remember how readily and well we spoke. Some one says to us, "You were at your best last night."

Now why can we not always be at least somewhere near "our best?" Why can we not oftener have our attainments under our control to use whenever occasion demands? This is the kind of "appearance" it is commendable to cultivate, the

ability to use easily and gracefully, at all times, all the talent, knowledge and accomplishment we have. We must study the art of expression—all art is a striving to express thought in form. We cannot all be painters; we cannot all be sculptors; we cannot all be writers; but we all have the power of speech, and this universal gift has perhaps the most far-reaching and the subtlest power of them all.

Now the little Greek Root might give this one a great deal of pleasure, and do that one a great deal of good, if she could or would only tell what she knows or appear to be what she really is, a bright, intellectual, well-informed woman. The majority of her acquaintances never come to know her. It is only rarely and to a certain few that she can talk well or be herself in conversation, as she can at all times be with her pen and paper.

It is said that conversation is a lost art. Reading and writing have replaced verbal narration, and lectures are supplanting recitations. But as yet we have not lost the power of speech, (I say we and I mean we women especially) for which we are truly thankful, and therein lies hope for the revival of conversation as a fine art; and I propose that we as fraternity and college girls shall devote a share of our time and attention to the finding of this lost art; to the revival and cultivation of conversation. What could be better than this to adopt as the literary work of our chapters?

I do not plead for more talking—that would be superfluous where two or three of us are gathered together—but for its cultivation.

I think we can all call to mind numbers of college-bred men and women who have perhaps made fine records as students at their universities, and who are yet strangely dry and uninteresting in conversation. They have fallen into a self-centered habit of thinking much and giving little or no expression to their thought. College training tends naturally toward a habit of silent and concentrated thought. This is good so far as it goes, but it

needs to be supplemented. We need to think aloud, for speech is a natural sequence of thought.

“Whosoever hath his mind fraught with many thoughts, his wits and understanding do clarify and break up in the communicating and discoursing with another; he tosseth his thoughts more easily, he marshaleth them more orderly, he seeth how they look when they are turned into words; finally, he waxeth wiser than himself, and that more by an hour’s discourse than by a day’s meditation. * * * In a word, a man were better relate himself to a statue or a picture, than to suffer his thoughts to pass in smother.”

Our fraternity life supplements our college life in many ways; but in no way could it be more perfectly fitted to fill a need than in this; that while our college life is training us to think, our chapter life should be training us to speak. For conversation is pre-eminently a social art and, like two of its essential elements, tact and adaptability, can be acquired only in society. Here then is an ideal opportunity for practice. We form a small society of our own, a congenial society, a society pledged to help and to forbear, a model society for the practice and development of this art of arts.

College men have much more of this practice than have college women. They speak oftener in their debating societies; in their congresses where they discuss set topics or speak extempore. And this practice presently enables them to marshal their ideas and their facts quickly and in good order. “Conference maketh a ready man;” and what avails all our learning if we haven’t it ready to use when occasion demands? A little parliamentary practice in every chapter would be healthful exercise for us. No woman should leave college without knowing how to lead a meeting or a discussion gracefully and in good order. There is no mental exercise which will give one more presence of mind and which demands quicker thought than the study and practice of Robert’s Rules of Order.

Could we not devote one evening a week to debating, discussing, extempore speaking—*any* form of speaking which will train us to think quickly and express ourselves clearly? Why not use some of the material we are gathering every day from lecture, recitation and library? It is much more profitable to talk about a book we have just read than to go straightway and read another.

There is such a thing as intellectual greediness, and we are very liable to acquire this taste for cramming at college. We are eager to take in about twice as much as we can digest. Talking over what we read or think corresponds to the process of chewing our food. It is very bad physically or mentally to swallow things whole. Then let us talk!

We might form a small congress to discuss social, domestic or literary questions, and, for the parliamentary practice, carry on the discussions according to rules of order. And here I must say would be an excellent opportunity to acquaint our members with a little more intimate knowledge of our constitution than can be obtained from hearing it read once or twice.

Or if we preferred some form of speaking as an exercise which would require very little of our time for preparation, we might have a conversation evening once a week. Each of us would come prepared to tell something of interest, and to tell it well. Surely from a week's reading, lecture and observation, we can select many things which would be of interest to all, and we know it is possible for any little trifle to become entertaining if well told. It may be a little something read or heard, or a personal reminiscence, a bit of current news, or a good story.

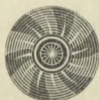
I am sure that if this plan were carried out with spirit, it would not only be a benefit to each but a pleasure to all, by affording, with very little individual effort, a delightful evening's entertainment. And without doubt, if the exercise were faithfully continued week after week, some excellent speakers would be developed and the conversation evening would be more than ever pleasantly anticipated.

I wish some of our chapters would try this plan and see if it could not be made practical, for I feel so deeply that some work of this kind is sorely needed by a great majority of college girls. Persons gifted with rare conversational powers are seldom met with. The ability must be cultivated and trained. Let us make our college education show for something in our every-day life and talk. Let us try to bring out all the good we have succeeded in taking in, and give others the benefit of our advantages. We will always profit by an interchange of ideas or experience. Knowledge like the talents will increase with use. Our thoughts are like our love, the more we give the more we will have to give. We remember for a long time a book we have read aloud with a friend, a subject we have discussed, a story we have told.

I do not advocate the cultivation of a superficial brilliancy, but I do urge that we all might profit by an earnest endeavor to acquire the power of presenting our thoughts and our knowledge agreeably and clearly, forcibly and persuasively, thereby making the most of our attainments in an added power and influence for the right over those whom we may meet in our daily social life. "Let our light so shine that it may be seen of men."

SARAH LOUISE KIRBY.

Phi.



A PLEA FOR A BROADER LIFE.

COLLEGE life seems more narrow to one who has been away from it a few years than once it seemed possible it could. It seems crowded with pleasures, with work, yes, with worries. How it all comes back to one's mind! Yet a very limited experience proves that this tends toward a narrow life and that our need is the broadest preparation possible.

A story is told of Michael Angelo that illustrates this idea. One day he stood looking at a picture upon which one of his pupils was at work. The picture was almost completed and had attracted special attention and praise. After studying it a few minutes the master took up a brush and traced across the picture the word "Amplius." The merits of the work were recognized and appreciated, but the true artist saw that much greater strength and power could be expressed if the whole were enlarged. So may we add to our true influence and highest usefulness by broadening our lives, by fitting ourselves to come into touch with as many lives as possible.

In college the broadening must begin in increasing our friendships. How easy it is for us to learn to live alone, to enjoy thoroughly the days and weeks we spend alone with our books. Yet this is not for our greatest good. Do not misunderstand me. In these latter days there is surely not enough real living alone. Duties press so one upon another that the needful "hour with one's soul only" is far too often crowded out.

But I do insist that we should not be satisfied to see only the two or three familiar friends whom we appreciate above all others. There is so much in humanity that is helpful to us that we need to come oftener into contact with other minds and temperaments. This comes most easily through the relations of the fraternity. There the feelings and interests of others must be considered; and

the lesson of sacrificing quietly one's own comfort to the wishes and best interests of others must be learned early, as well as the harder task of insisting upon justice to the few, perhaps to one, when opposed by the hasty, thoughtless judgment of the majority.

Nor should we limit our friendships to fraternity circles. That fraternity member who finds no commendable qualities outside of her own circle of friends, for her own comfort and happiness in after years, should have the error of her ways distinctly pointed out by the sister whom she loves and trusts most.

Many young women feel that when the college course is completed there will be an abundance of time for the reading and music and other interests that are now necessarily put aside, and these will be the preparation for the broader living. This is the one great mistake with which most of us leave school days, but for proof that it is a mistake I point you to all the capable, earnest women about you. There are so many duties and pleasures calling for attention in these little lives of ours that the woman is indeed wise who can select so many of these as she can attend faithfully and reserve sufficient time for her own mental growth and physical development. But you say, "These are only disheartening facts. Is there nothing but a discouraging outlook?" The outlook may be brightened and the experience be one of comfort and of real pleasure, but the remedy is, begin early. Ruskin's advice is not new, but we cannot hear it too often. "Remember that every day of your early life is ordaining irrevocably, for good or evil, the custom and practice of your soul,—ordaining either sacred customs of dear and lovely recurrence, or trenching deeper and deeper the furrows for seed of sorrow." The law of habit is such that if we are methodical, faithful and unselfish in early years, our sympathy is ever responsive to the suffering and joy about us, and much time is saved in the busy days that are so sure to come. Our habits of work, of reading, of leisure, should be carefully guarded for "we sow a habit, and reap a character; sow a character, and reap a destiny."

There is but one other duty to which I would call attention and that one is far from being a task. It is that of enjoying and appreciating the thoughtfulness and kindness of our friends, and all the marvelous beauty there is about us. This may seem a strange admonition, but if you will but consider a moment you will realize that there are few of your acquaintances who show genuine, unassumed appreciation and sympathy, and those few you are always most glad to meet. Others may be equally appreciative, but they keep their hearts so shut up that we do not experience this genuine warm-heartedness which brightens all our days. Besides, you know "The first duty of young people is to be delighted and delightful." And let us learn to notice more carefully and enjoy more thoroughly the pleasures of the beautiful world in which we live, as we find them expressed in nature and books and music.

These suggestions for the broader life are very vague, but the life itself is very real and we can only "follow after" as best we can to find the highest meaning and the noblest end of these short lives of ours.

In writing I do not forget who will read these lines—young girls who are having "just the best time in the world." May it be so all your lives. Every pleasure you have, enjoy to the greatest extent possible—your work, your parties, your callers—all that is not at the cost of the happiness of others, enjoy every minute of it. But I do not forget, too, that these are the most earnest girls in the land and the ones who are being best fitted for the responsibilities of life, and so I do not hesitate to give you these solemn words, for I believe that in our more thoughtful, better moments, it is the earnest desire of each of us to live "for the good that I can do."

L. M. W.

Epsilon.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

THE first quarter of the new administration has passed by so quickly that I can scarcely believe that it is time for another letter for the JOURNAL. These letters, which constitute one of the duties of my office, are intended to be the vehicle for open messages, suggestions, requests, etc., but there is very little to say this time. After three months' experience, I find that it is necessary to urge upon you greater promptness in all matters of fraternity correspondence, chapter letters, etc. I have sometimes feared that we would not be able to consider punctuality a *K. A. Θ.* virtue, unless we mend our ways. In any society so widespread as ours, the machinery of whose organization is so involved, a delay on the part of one chapter or one member in responding is very apt to occasion delay and inconvenience to the whole fraternity. It is highly important that each number of the JOURNAL should contain a letter from each chapter. It is one of the means by which the chapters can keep in touch one with another. It is one of your rights and privileges to let us hear from you in this way; and your chapter standing is greatly affected by the manner in which you make use of your opportunities. I hope that before the time for the next JOURNAL, I shall have the pleasure of visiting several of the chapters; and if so, I shall have something of interest to report.

Very cordially yours,

MARGARET E. SMITH.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER OF KAPPA ALPHA THETA.

THE report of the Grand Treasurer must of necessity be brief. At the close of the convention \$10 remained in the treasury; since then I have received \$19.50 from the Journal, in payment for Journal subscription money left over from last year, and this month two chapters have sent me their Journal subscriptions to the amount of \$30, making in all \$59.50 received. Of this, \$23.38 has gone for small bills, nearly all connected with convention expenses.

The first of this month I called upon the Chapters for Journal subscriptions. Since I have already received several letters asking me why I did so, it may be well, if I briefly explain my action here. The convention, as you all know, ordered that each Chapter should pay a tax on the first of February, which was to include Journal subscriptions and all expenses. At the same time, however, it was agreed that the Journal expenses should be paid at the beginning of each quarter, but it was not taken into consideration that two quarters' expenses at the beginning of October and January must be paid before the taxes could be collected.

Although I very much regret an action which is, at least, against the sense of the convention, under the circumstances, something of the kind was necessary. Surely it is only right that all the Chapters should unite in rectifying the mistake. I heartily thank the two Chapters who have been so prompt in sending their Journal subscriptions.

FLORENCE SAWYER,

Grand Treasurer, K. A. Θ.

Oakland, Cal., Nov. 24, 1893.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

Recognizing the infinite wisdom of our Heavenly Father who has called unto Himself our dearly beloved sister, Kitty Alling, and desiring to express our heartfelt sympathy for the sorrowing relatives and friends, and our appreciation of her noble qualities, we tender the following resolutions :

That in her death, Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity as well as Epsilon Chapter has lost one of its brightest and most devoted members.

That in her were found companionable traits which endeared her to us in the intimate associations of Fraternity intercourse.

That these resolutions be printed in the college and Fraternity journals, recorded in our minutes, and that a copy be sent to the family.

DORA ANDERSON,
MILDRED PACKER,
ELIZABETH McMONEGAL, } *Committee.*

EDITORIALS.

ALL communications to the April number of KAPPA ALPHA THETA should be in the hands of the editor by the first of March.

We would like to call your attention to the new directory. You will now find, neatly printed on the second page of the cover, the name and address of each member of the Grand Council, the name and address of the President of each district, and the name and address of the Corresponding Secretary of each chapter.

There ought, now, to be no confusion or delay in carrying on the necessary business and correspondence of the fraternity.

Hereafter, each chapter should refer all her fraternity troubles, perplexities, wrongs, and enquiries to the President of her district. The District President possesses infallible authority as peace-maker, and infinite tact as manager, and will settle all difficulties which do not require the action of the entire Grand Council. She is, moreover, a reliable and bountiful source of information; and such chapters as are ignorant of any of the essential points of fraternity law and order would do well to apply to her for enlightenment and aid.

The JOURNAL has a word to say for itself, too. Our readers will find, on another page, the name and address of the Editor, the name and address of the Business Managers, and the name and address of the Exchange Editor.

It would save much time and trouble if, in correspondence, you would send all business communications to the business manager, and all JOURNAL contributions to the editor. The business managers do not want to read your chapter letters—at least, until they are printed—and the editor does not want to meet the temptation of requiring your money to pass through her hands—if it must pass through.

A little care as to these matters, and a little common sense, will prevent any more friction in management and greatly facilitate the ease and regularity with which the wheels go around.

Mrs. Julia H. Spear's address will be, until June,
1327 Georgia Bell St.,
Los Angeles, California.

All business of the JOURNAL will be transacted by Mrs. W. B. Gates, 57 Elmwood Ave., Burlington, Vt., to whom all letters on JOURNAL business should be addressed.

All advertisements and alumnae subscriptions, with money therefor, should be sent to her, while the subscriptions of all active members *must* be sent to the Grand Treasurer, Miss Florence Sawyer, 1305 Madison St., Oakland, Cal.

Now that the "rushing" season is well over and there is no danger that our opinions or advice will affect this year's Freshman class, it will do no harm to utter our annual croak against the general and particular evils of the "rushing" system.

To begin with, "rushing" is undignified and boisterous. This fact alone should be sufficient to condemn it. But it is also disastrous to the fraternity. It is impossible to form a correct judgment of a girl, to decide justly whether she will make a desirable and congenial Theta or not, when we have known her as a college girl only a few days; and especially as the circumstances of that short acquaintance are such that the real character of the candidate for membership cannot possibly be brought out.

It is better to lose two girls that we want, than, by an over-hasty judgment, to initiate one whom we do not want, after we know her.

Under the present "rushing" system, the Freshman class is a regular grab-bag around which the eager fraternities stand grabbing blindly and for dear life! Some of them necessarily draw very undesirable packages, the contents of which are not

made known until after initiation, when it is too late to throw them back and grab again.

The end of the first term is early enough to decide what girls we want. A choice made earlier than that is dangerous and risksome. If we cannot induce other fraternities to agree to the postponement, we must, probably, lose some desirable members by the delay; but much better is it to lose the desirable, than to gain the undesirable. We can do without members, but we cannot do without congenial Theta spirit.

We are very glad to notice that this matter is attracting the serious attention of several chapters, and we hope to see a full and open discussion of it in the pages of the JOURNAL.

Let us come to a sensible and unanimous decision in this most important matter before another college year opens with its tempting query. To rush, or not to rush, that is the question.

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We do not wish to embarrass our modest President by expressing too openly our admiration of the manner in which she is fulfilling her new duties; but the JOURNAL cannot resist speaking just a word of commendation of Miss Smith (who is the JOURNAL's very best friend) for the promptness and energy with which she has gone to work, and for the real hard, conscientious work that she is putting into the new management of affairs.

If the other officers of the Grand Council will do their part in the work, as well as Miss Smith is doing hers, Kappa Alpha Theta may well be proud of her governing body.

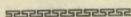
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Our readers will notice that the Vice-Presidents' literary contributions—which the late convention so wisely provided for—have not yet appeared in the pages of the JOURNAL.

This neglect of duty and defiance of authority may be due to a feeling of modesty on the part of the Vice-Presidents, who undervalue, perhaps, their literary powers. It would seem so, indeed, for only one of the three who were invited to contribute

something for this number overcame her diffidence sufficiently even to write a reply to her invitation. Miss Smith of Leland Stanford, Jr., University, *did* muster courage enough to write to the editor, and expressed her regrets that the pressure of her literary work rendered it impossible for her to write an article for the January JOURNAL.

The Vice-Presidents will please send for publication in the April number the contributions required by Art. VI, Sec. III of the constitution, or else present to the editor some reasonable excuse for not doing so. This excuse will be printed, if received in time for publication.



One more class of Freshman girls have been rushed and nagged and feasted and petted and, at last, initiated into the mysteries and miseries of Kappa Alpha Theta.

What shall we do with them and for them? What are the things that, as fraternity girls, they need to know—and how may we teach them these things?

In reply to these questions, Misses Upperclassmen, we would say, first of all,—be sure that you know and do the proper things yourselves, then set a plain and unmistakable example to the fledgelings.

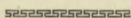
You have no idea how trustful, impressionable and imitative the newly-initiated are. If they see that you are always prompt and business-like in your college and fraternity work, they will be so, every time. If they see you spending your last cent for *K. A. Θ.* taxes, they will empty their pocket-books, without hesitation, for the same purpose.

If they once get accustomed to the atmosphere of real friendliness, helpfulness, and loving-kindness, which should pervade every relation of Theta life, they will not be able to live in any other.

What you can *say* to these Freshman girls, on any subject, will amount to very little. What you *are* in your college life, and

in relations with each other, is what will tell. That is the source of your most powerful influence.

If you can help the new Thetas to be broad and sensible in their views, single-minded and generous-hearted in their actions, and kindly and womanly in their intentions—by being all that yourselves—you will have done your duty as a college girl, as a Theta, and as a woman.



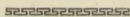
A plea needs to be uttered for the non-fraternity girl. Are we quite as considerate as we ought to be of her feelings?

Outsiders say that we are not; and the strongest argument brought against the Greek-letter fraternity to-day, is that it tends toward a scornful and unkindly treatment of the "barb."

Now, nine times out of ten, the "barb" is not a "barb" from choice. She would like to be a naturalized citizeness of the Greek world.

That, in itself, should be a bond of sympathy between her and her more fortunate friend.

To be sure, our fraternity is not a charitable organization and we would not advocate the opening of our doors to all who might like to enter. But loyalty to *K. A. Θ.* does not, by any means, necessitate unfriendly treatment of those who are not members of our order. It demands, rather, that we should extend courtesy and friendliness to all college girls, and show a spirit of liberality and toleration even toward those who hate us and spitefully use us.



We had not intended to cast a slur upon Kappa Alpha Theta's feminine way of doing business until the Treasurer's report rendered it almost necessary for us to say something.

The Convention certainly ought to be commended for making such ample provisions for all expenses of the fraternity—even though it provided no way for getting the money to meet those expenses.

Money—that sordid, commonplace, vulgar thing—should have no part in the dealings of women with each other anyway ! At least, women of “higher education” ought not to have to trouble their refined intellects by seeking out ways and means for procuring that “root of all evil.”

This delicate sentiment Kappa Alpha Theta has always regarded and lived up to ; but now, our mercenary, business-like, practical Treasurer has thrown a bomb right into the midst of things, and actually demands that we plan out some way to pay our bills ; she points the finger of scorn at the inconsistency of Convention in levying a tax in February, and requiring the money to be paid the October before.

What is to be done ?

The JOURNAL feels a little timid about expressing an opinion, since all the trouble is caused by those unfeeling printers who will not print chapter letters for love ; but the JOURNAL will publish the opinion of others—no matter what they may be—and will heroically abide by the consequences.

CHAPTER LETTERS.

Alpha District.

LAMBDA.

BURLINGTON, VT.

Dear Sisters in Theta :

IT is a pleasure to Lambda to tell other Thetas of the college which is so dear to her, and is continually growing dearer. Hearing of your Alma Maters brings you nearer to us, and may we be drawn closer to you by this description of the University of Vermont.

Coming in from either side, the new student falls in love with the lake and mountains and feels drawn towards Burlington even before it is reached. Nature has done her best in beautifying the city, and man all he can to assist her.

It may be that at one time the Adirondacks and Green Mountains were united, but some unknown power deemed them best separated and placed between them a vast expanse of water. This the early settlers named for the celebrated French explorer, Samuel de Champlain.

From our college tower, looking westward, may be seen the Adirondacks rising almost from the water's edge, and to the east, the snow-capped summits of Mount Mansfield and Camel's Hump, of the Green Mountain range.

One leaves the train at the foot of College street, and following that street for about half a mile, comes in sight of the statue of Lafayette, occupying the central position in the College Park. Making a circuit of the park we must pass on the north the Medical College, or on the south the Experiment Station,

while between these, on University Place, are the main college buildings. Not the most imposing of these, but the one dearest to us because the oldest, is "The Mill." Here are the dormitories and most of the recitation rooms. Here the grandfathers of the present generation bore with patience the hazing of the Sophomores, knowing that all too soon they would be Sophomores. The college is divided into North and South Halls, between which is the college chapel. At this place at 8:15 in the morning we gather to ask for guidance in our day's work, sometimes to find that while we have gone without our breakfast to get there, the professors have over-slept and there is no one to lead us. Here also is the Christian Association room. In the tower of this building hangs the college bell which has called the students of more than one generation from dreams of home to the drudgery of the recitation room.

Next to "The Mill" is the Museum and Park Gallery of Art, a red brick building, containing a good miscellaneous collection. The building of which we are the proudest is the Library, the gift of Hon. Frederick Billings, class of '46. It is of red sandstone, and is of the Romanesque style of architecture. It was designed by the great architect Richardson and is universally admitted to be one of the finest college libraries. The interior is divided into the reading room and reference alcoves, the Marsh library and the apse. The interior is no less beautiful than the exterior.

The house occupied by President Buckham is an unostentatious building, but is very old. Around the park are situated the homes of the professors, most of them the gifts of alumni.

On the brow of the hill, overlooking the other buildings, stands the Experiment Farm, where many of the agricultural students live.

Another valuable building is the Mechanical Building, excellently equipped for the Civil and Electrical Engineering courses. Back of this is Commons Hall, the boarding place for

the boys rooming in North and South Halls. A new science building and boys' dormitory are soon to be built.

Far back of the Mill extends the campus, where are the tennis courts and ball grounds. The different fraternity rooms are scattered throughout the city. We were the first to occupy a chapter house, though our's is now not the only one.

The U. V. M. Glee and Banjo Club and Base Ball nine rank well in New England. Tears fill our eyes, and we bow our heads in assent when we hear the Glee Club sing :

"When we think of college days,
When we sing old college lays,
We will not forget thy praise,
Lovely Lake Champlain."

Our days here are very happy ones, and we shall never forget the green and gold, and the many times we have shouted

Rah ! Rah ! Rah !

Rah ! Rah ! Rah !

U. V. M.,

Rah ! Rah !

LAMBDA.

CHI.

Chi has been somewhat tardy in sending greeting to Theta this year, but we hope this will not be taken as evidence that she is not in most vigorous health. We are entering now the fifth year of our history. The retrospect affords only the pleasantest memories and the prospect for the future is only the brightest. We feel that we have passed the period of infancy and have emerged into the full glory and strength of youth.

The opening of the college year found fourteen of our old girls in their places, ready to resume work. The first two weeks we were busily occupied in getting acquainted with the girls of '97. The new class was smaller than usual but particularly fine in quality and Chi pledged six of the most desirable girls of the

class. They have all passed initiation and we wish now to introduce to you Adelaide Van Alstein, May Merritt, Eva Miller, Bertha Kellogg, Marion Smith and Louise Barney as our loyal Thetas of '97.

We wish we might tell you of all the good times we have had together this year, but we remember that we have not unlimited space and therefore mention only a few.

On the evening of October 20th we held our fifth annual initiation banquet. Jessica Marshall '92, one of our charter members, was present and told us many interesting stories connected with the early history of Chi. Every Theta present felt proud to realize that we are fulfilling so completely the hopes of those first days.

Our chapter was most royally entertained on the evening of October 24th by Mrs. F. M. Smith, at her pleasant home in the city. The occasion was a library party and the evening slipped away all too quickly for the merry guests.

Hallowe'en we entertained a number of the gentlemen at the home of Florence Larabee. The evening was spent in a very informal manner, and all voted the affair a success.

Our university is rejoicing at present over the election of Dr. James R. Day of New York City to the Chancellorship. We regret the loss of Chancellor Sims, but feel that Dr. Day is in every way fitted to become his successor. Much enthusiasm was manifested by the students when it was learned that Dr. Day would visit the University to look over the field before accepting the position. Arrangements were made to give him a hearty welcome. When Dr. and Mrs. Day alighted from the train on the evening of their arrival in the city, they were greeted by the college yells from four hundred students, while two members of the Senior class conducted them to a carriage. The band then struck up a martial air and the procession marched to the home of Dean J. R. French. The ladies of the University were in

waiting here, and as the occupants of the carriage alighted they struck up the college song :

" Flag we love, orange, float for aye !
Old Syracuse, over thee ;
May thy sons be leal and loyal
To thy memory."

Dr. Day did not see fit to accept the Chancellorship during this visit, but we felt sure that after such a warm welcome he must consider long before refusing, and our hopes were realized when we received news a few days ago that he would be our Chancellor.

We have rambled on until now there is no room for that description of our university home for which the JOURNAL has asked. Chi is very proud of her university home and this subject alone would furnish a theme for a long letter, so we beg to be excused this time, but will promise to tell you all about our beautiful campus with its magnificent buildings, at our next visit.

CHI.

IOTA.

Iota's fall term has been, like that of most chapters, a very busy one. We have had to discuss the convention and the revised constitution, our work for the year, and the new girls, until our meetings have been prolonged to most unusual hours. The personnel of the chapter has undergone considerable change since last year. In place of our lost and lamented '93 girls, we were glad to welcome back three former members: Miss Katharine Edwards, who has been teaching Greek at Wellesley, and returns to Cornell for graduate work in that department; Miss Levna Peirce, who was with us in 1889-90, and is now taking advanced work in mathematics; and, as an alumna member, Miss Grace Caldwell, Professor Caldwell's daughter, who has been abroad since her graduation in 1889.

With these reinforcements, we felt that we entered upon the fall campaign in no little strength, although we have labored under some disadvantage in being scattered, inasmuch as we have only three members in Sage College, the customary haunt of the Freshman.

We began our attentions to that much courted and somewhat spoiled young person by inviting all the new girls to a tea at Miss Caldwell's. Later, when the process of selection was further advanced, we took the girls in whom we felt especially interested, for a most delightful trip down the lake, with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Esty of Ithaca as host and hostess. Mrs. Esty was formerly Rosamond Field, one of "our girls."

Hallowe'en was duly celebrated at Miss Caldwell's house by the Thetas and their favorite new girls. We played whist, pulled candy, had our fortunes told by a most impressive Sibyl, performed all the time-honored functions, and wound up our festivities with ghost stories in a darkened room. A little after the same company indulged in a sketching party at the house of Professor Law, two of whose daughters are loyal Thetas.

So much for the chief events of the rushing season. Most of the JOURNAL readers probably know that the contract system is held to by the women's fraternities of Cornell, and that the date of asking new girls is fixed by a Pan-Hellenic committee. This year's committee adopted a new and commendable scheme. Besides "bidding-day," a date two weeks later was appointed as "pledging-day." Candidates are asked to postpone giving a final answer until the later date, in order that they may have plenty of time for consideration. In case a girl decides as soon as she is asked, her decision is not made public until pledging day. There still remains a week before the "day of fate," but our prospects are decidedly bright.

Many of the evils of rushing are obviated by the contract plan, especially where the date of asking is put as late as is the case here. But the Cornell Thetas are becoming more and more

convinced that violent rushing is a serious blot on the fraternity system. It involves the risk of hasty judgment on both sides, not to speak of a loss of dignity on the part of the fraternity members that is very apparent at least to the maturer girls who are being rushed. For these and other reasons, Iota made an earnest effort this fall to have the asking of Freshmen postponed until the end of the winter or spring term. The matter was discussed at a Pan-Hellenic meeting, and the innovation finally rejected by a tie vote. Alpha Phi and Kappa Alpha Theta *pro*, Delta Gamma and Kappa Kappa Gamma *con*. We hope, however, that in course of time public opinion will be on our side. Meanwhile Iota would much like to learn through the JOURNAL the opinions of other chapters as to the possibility of reform in rushing.

IOTA.

ALPHA BETA.

SWARTHMORE, Nov. 30, 1893.

Dear Thetas all :

[[T was a very disappointed set of girls that opened the last bundle of JOURNALS for Alpha Beta. No letter from us, and one had surely been sent on time ! Such a poor number to represent the two summer numbers, and to be the Convention number, too ! A better account of our Convention was given by several of the Chicago newspapers than the Convention number of our own JOURNAL could present. There is no use mincing matters. Alpha Beta felt disgraced, and more than that, aggrieved, because her summer letter was not printed. Although the June number was not printed, we think the June letters should have been, for they are the most interesting of the year. Who of our girls took honors ? Where are they to spend the summer ? What are their plans for the future ?

When the first edge of our disappointment and chagrin wore off we realized that better than our lamentations would be faith that the editor had tried to do her best. We are sorry that the JOURNAL is in financial difficulty, and shall do our best to procure some advertisements. At present we are busy working up subscriptions among the alumnae members. We feel so strongly that the two obligations of our alumnae members are in order of importance (1), wearing the Theta pin, and (2) taking the fraternity JOURNAL.

Now, to ourselves, Alpha Beta came back to college refreshed by the summer, and enthusiastic for *K. A. Θ.* and for Alpha Beta. The Convention had much to do with this. Though we had but one girl at the Convention, many of our girls met Thetas at the Fair. Everyone knows what an inspiration it is to see the Theta pin and feel the grip from a strange sister in a strange land. In an instant the fraternity spirit is uppermost, and the dear girls of our own chapter become but a few members of the large band of loyal Theta sisters. We need to realize that all Thetas are our sisters, for that is what makes us distinct from the local clubs and societies.

There was another thing that helped to bring us back united and enthusiastic. It was the chapter circulating letter that went its rounds among us in the summer. In its pages we read the life, the thoughts, the hopes of Alpha Beta. It was a true "convivium," a union of life. We found, through the circulating letter, parts of our sisters we had never known before. We talked of work for the coming year, of girls who were coming to Swarthmore. When a letter from one little pledgling found its way into the Circulator, how delighted we were with it!

So we came back in the fall, and how could we have anything but success? United we stood and triumphed. Three new sisters were added to us before November; three more will be in before this JOURNAL is out. I wish you could know them all. You would love them, for they are truly Thetas. We shall have

this year the largest chapter in our history, but, as we are not likely to sub-divide, we are not afraid of that.

Our initiations this year have been well attended by alumnae members. At one, we had with us also Mary James of Epsilon; at another, we had Alice Atkinson and Winifred Ball of Iota. It is unnecessary to say how much their presence was appreciated.

The college this year is in an excellent condition. The girls' dormitories are crowded for the first time in a number of years. Valuable additions have been made to the corps of instructors. J. Russell Hayes is instructor in Rhetoric and Composition; James Gummere is assistant in Mathematics; Mary Wistar, Director of Physical Culture for young women; and Arthur Bryant, assistant in Chemistry.

With best wishes for you all, from

ALPHA BETA.

MU.

ALLEGHENY COLLEGE, Nov. 30.

The greatest event of this and many other college years was the inauguration of Dr. W. H. Crawford as President of Allegheny College, October 18, 1893. The whole city entered into the spirit of the occasion with the greatest enthusiasm. Flags and college colors were displayed in profusion, to greet the eyes of the alumni and friends of the Institution, who came to pay their respects to the new President. The First M. E. church, beautifully decked in blue and gold, and society and fraternity banners, was filled to overflowing, and Dr. Crawford won the hearts of the Alumni as fully as he had already won those of the students. The day closed with a reception in the parlors of the church.

It seems impossible that another term's work is almost ended, but when we look upon our five new members, now true and loyal Thetas, we feel that we have not lived in vain, and introduce to

the Greek world Misses Georgie Lattin, Jessie Hogate, Belle Klingensmith, Edna Hayes and Marguerite Bissell.

In the few social events of the term, Mu has had her part. A little "At Home" given in the Fraternity Hall to about forty-five gentlemen and lady friends was about the first social affair in fraternity circles, and we are receiving many congratulations on the success of the undertaking.

On Thanksgiving Eve Pennsylvania Delta, of Phi Delta Theta, gave an elegant banquet for a few lady friends at the Budd House, where Mu was well represented. The boys proved themselves, as on former occasions, good entertainers, and all reported a royal feast and delightful time.

The beginning of the term saw the revival of Alpha Chapter of Delta Tau Delta. For several years this chapter has been nearly extinct, but through the influence of its loyal alumni is now in a flourishing condition.

We very much regret that more of our chapter could not be present at the convention, but most of the visits to the fair were made either before or after the session. We are more than pleased with the results of the meeting and think the new constitution a great improvement on the old one. The division of the fraternity into districts is also looked upon with great favor among us, and we hope the inspiration gained by meeting together will lead us nearer the Ideal Fraternity.

MU.

Beta District.

EPSILON,

WOOSTER UNIVERSITY, }
WOOSTER, OHIO. }

The fall term with all its exciting pleasures is almost over, and I wish I could describe to you the many little surprises we found waiting for us as we pursued our fraternity work of the last

few months. We lost only two members this year : Clara Brown by graduation and Louise Scovel, a member of '95, who is now attending school at the Chicago University, and then we had the good fortune to have Florence Wallace, who has been teaching for the past year, return to pursue further work in the university. For this reason we were not much disabled at the beginning of the year, and felt sure success was before us. We soon became acquainted with the new girls and then selected those we wished to bid. Misses Mary and Janet Henderson threw open their house one evening and entertained us in a most delightful manner. This, with a few impromptu gatherings, closed the rushing season for us and we had only added two members to our number : Nina Givey and Maud Curry, both of Wooster.

Kappa Kappa Gamma, during this period, was rushing with all her might while we stood back to await the result. Soon, much to our delight, we found that in spite of the many efforts of the rival fraternity a number of other desirable girls were ready to join our ranks. Now, at the end of the season, we have initiated Margaret Platter of Wooster, pledged Elizabeth Berr of Bucyrus, Caroline Graham of Wooster and Carrie Parrett of Lindon, all members of '97, whom we expect to initiate soon. From the preparatory department, we claim Louise Morrison of East Liverpool, Ethel Smith of Wooster, and Josephine Jones of Washington, C. H.

One very sad bereavement fell to Epsilon this fall, caused by the death of one of our former members, Kitty Alling. She had attended school here a few years ago and returned at the beginning of this term to continue her work. She was taken sick soon after school opened and died within a few weeks. We were so sorry to lose such a devoted member, and it seemed so sad that she should be taken right in the midst of her school work.

Our chapter gave a very delightful geography party a short time ago at the home of one of our alumnae, Kit Johnson '91. About fifty invitations were sent out, and the event of the even-

ing was the successful unraveling of the meaning of the queer ornaments which the girls wore, each one representing some geographical point on the earth's surface.

Such are the principal events of the last few months of the life of Epsilon Chapter. The girls who attended the convention this summer came home full of good resolutions and ready to make great attempts for Theta, and it seems as if these impulses had made themselves felt throughout the entire chapter.

EPSILON.

ALPHA GAMMA.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

In our chapter letter this time we are glad to comply with Omega's request to tell something of our college and its fraternities, as well as of prosperous Alpha Gamma.

The rising educational institution of this State, the Ohio State University, is situated three miles from the centre of Columbus on a gentle elevation that overlooks the city and surrounding country. The campus, shaded with almost every kind of tree indigenous to our climate, is the special pride of us all. Its natural beauties under the skilful hand of the landscape gardener are constantly assuming fairer proportions. There are eight buildings for school purposes, two of which have been completed in the last year, viz : Hayes Hall and Orton Hall. The first is named in honor of the late Rutherford B. Hayes, and the other for our beloved professor, Dr. Orton, who has done so much to make the institution what it is.

The university took a forward step this fall by abolishing the First preparatory department and deciding to remove, also, the Senior preparatory as soon as expedient. The collegiate department offers thirty-three courses with a corps of fifty-one professors and assistants. The number of students now enrolled is seven hundred and fifty.

The faculty has never shown any opposition to fraternities, so that there are eleven represented now, two of which are girls, Kappa Kappa Gamma and Kappa Alpha Theta.

The Beta Mu Chapter of *K. K. Γ.* was established here in '88, four years prior to Alpha Gamma. The most pleasant relations exist between the two chapters so that we often receive and extend invitations to each other.

Eight of the fraternities form the Inter-fraternity Alliance and Makio Board, on both of which *K. A. Θ.* has had representation from the first.

Last year we were asked by *K. K. Γ.* to enter into a "spiking" arrangement with them. After deliberation we saw no benefit to be gained thereby, so declined to make the compact. This fall *K. K. Γ.* circulated printed bills among the new girls, giving the history of their fraternity, their aims, etc., and asking that no girl accept a bid until after December the first, as before that time no invitations would be extended by them. Consequently this fall we were in no hurry to bid and the new girls were allowed ample time to become acquainted and be entertained both by the Kappas and ourselves. We found no hindrances resulting from this action, as you shall see.

We entered college with eight active members which were increased to nine on October 3, when at a pleasant initiation we welcomed Annis McLaughlin, a charming pledge of '97. After becoming acquainted with the new girls, we selected six whom we were confident would make true and noble Thetas.

October 28th recorded the success of our rushing, for on that night a royal initiation took place at the home of Lillian Krumm, where Josephine Barnaby '96, Ida Schille, Tella Axline, Lois Daun, Katherine Doren of Columbus, and Helen Patterson of Mt. Vernon, all of '97, were received into our mystic circle. When the initiation was over our hostess served a most delightful banquet at which enthusiasm for Theta ran high.

The social event of the year was a party given by *A. Γ.* No-

vember 10th, at the home of Professor Weber, in honor of our seven charming initiates, to which many of our fraternity friends were invited.

Congratulations have been poured upon us for the girls introduced this year, and well do we feel proud of them. Our chapter now numbers fifteen active members and all enthusiastic Thetas.

We regretted very much to part with two of our charter members from active work this year. Emma Blesch reluctantly gave up college life on account of her health, but we are delighted to find her at our meetings exhibiting the same interest in us as ever. Etta Weber left us for Berlin, Germany, where she entered the Royal Conservatory of Music, whence we often receive words of encouragement and love.

We have taken rooms in the Y. M. C. A. building in the centre of the city, which we find a great source of pleasure to us all.

With sorrow we announce the death of Mr. Jesse Daun, the father of our sister Lois, to whom our hearts go out in sympathy in this sad bereavement.

We were glad to have the chapter at Ann Arbor established and shall watch with interest the growth of the "baby," since so recently we occupied that place among the *K. A. Θ.*'s. May they have a happy and successful life.

Yours in Theta,

ALPHA GAMMA.

ALPHA.

GREENCASTLE, IND., Nov. 29, 1893.

Dear Theta Sisters :

As this is our first greeting to you for this college year, we shall have to tell our story from the beginning.

We held our first meeting on Monday, two days before the opening of college. There were twenty girls there, all enthusias-

tic and eager to hear of the work of the convention, and to lay plans for a good year's work. Our delegate, Florence Line, talked in an informal way about the convention, telling us about the girls that she admired especially, and trying to impart some of the enthusiasm that was there. After that we entered eagerly upon the discussion of new girls, and soon had our plans all made for "spiking."

I suppose that it is unnecessary to add that we were successful in our fall campaign. We had already four pledged girls and we did not want more than three new girls, as our chapter was already so large. Our contract with Kappa Kappa Gamma lasted only three weeks, and at the close of that time we pledged three girls, winning one girl from the Kappas. This victory was very decided and made us feel that our position was still assured as the strongest sorority at De Pauw.

After this excitement was over, we entered upon a quieter chapter life, made more enjoyable by the presence of the seven Freshmen girls of whom we are so proud.

After an evening spent on the reading of the convention minutes, we decided to give more attention to topics of general fraternity interest in our work for this year.

We have already devoted one evening to such general work. We spent it with Mrs. Hamilton, one of our four founders, who entertained us delightfully with the story of the founding of the fraternity and reminiscences of its early life. After a talk with her, that seemed only too short, she led us into another room where we feasted on good things and finally stood with joined hands around the table and sang Theta songs before we said good-night. We hope to spend several more such evenings in company with different members of our Alpha Alumnae Chapter, so that we may get the whole story of our chapter. One of the best things that came to us from the convention was the resolution to know more about fraternity history and also about our "sister" chapters, and we hope that we may prove it to be more than a

good resolution. In general, our evenings are spent much as they were last year in some literary work that is of interest to us all. One evening, not long ago, we heard the reports of the professors on our college work, and we are very glad that we can say truthfully to you that in studentship, as in other lines, we are holding our own.

In short, we thirty Alpha girls are hard at work and eager to do all we can in the interest of Kappa Alpha Theta.

With best wishes for all,

ALPHA.

Cor. Editor—LILIAN B. BROOMFIELD.

BETA.

BLOOMINGTON, IND.

Dear Thetas :

Beta Chapter has been very fortunate this year in everything it has undertaken. The girls worked very faithfully this summer furnishing our new cottage and getting it ready for use before college opened. It is not large, only eight rooms, but is very nicely furnished and we are very proud of it. There are seven gentlemen's fraternities here and four ladies', and we are the first to have a chapter house.

We started out this year with fifteen members; nine of whom were seniors, but we have now added eight more to our list. All were most desirable girls, both as students and socially, and most of them were rushed and spiked by other fraternities. We are glad to have Miss Carrie Evans of Phi Chapter with us this year. Her sister, Miss Della, is also pledged, but was compelled, on account of sickness, to return home before she could be initiated. We hope to have her back, however, next term.

Several of our old girls have visited us this year: Miss Margaret Todd '93, Miss Marion Rondthaler '94, who will probably

be in college after Christmas, both of Indianapolis, Miss Katherine Van Dusen of New Albany, and Miss Fan Watson of Crawfordsville.

Mrs. Swain, our President's wife, who was a Theta here, and our other alumnae girls, are all very much interested in our work and have done everything for us that they could and have been present at several of our meetings. Miss Mabel Banta, who took her Master's degree at the Chicago University last year, is spending the winter here with her father, who is Dean of the Law School.

The girls who remained here over Thanksgiving gave a party Wednesday night at which everyone seemed to have a splendid time.

For the literary part of our next meeting nine of our girls are to give a Greek play. It is a banquet scene at which the wives of nine of the greatest men of Greece are present, and their conversation is very amusing. The girls will have Greek robes, the banquet table and everything that can help to make it a success.

Yours in Theta,

BETA.

DELTA.

Dear Theta Sisters :

Delta has had a very prosperous year so far, although we number only four. Few in number, but many in might; so we went to work all the harder, and after three months of rushing and fighting (you see we have not yet reached the ideal state where no rushing is needed) we are now about ready to settle down to hard work.

Our contract with the Kappas, the only opponents we have here, has just expired; and as a matter of course that was a very exciting morning for all. Every one watched with eager eyes to see whether the Key or Kite had been victorious.

We came out with six new girls, and are so proud of them. As you can't all meet them we will present their names: Bessie Luke, Grace Sealey, Estella Schureman, Lillian Johnson, Ada Loar and Esther Shoot.

We have not had our initiation yet, but expect to have it after Thanksgiving. Two of our girls have been working on a new plan of initiation for our chapter, and have completed a beautiful one.

We must tell you about our barn party. We planned a nutting, and when the day came, "Theta luck," it was raining. We said we must do something, and as we sat around trying to plan something, one of the girl's grandmas came in and said, "If this was olden times you might have a party in the new barn." The idea suggested made a deep impression, and all said together, "Why can't we have one anyway?" So it was decided. All went to work, Grandma Graves with us, and converted the barn into a fairy bower, lined with green, intermingled with black and gold and lighted with Japanese lanterns and candles.

We served the refreshments on wooden plates, tin spoons and cups. We allowed our guests the great pleasure of taking the spoons home with them.

One of our dear Theta mothers, Mrs. Watson, gave us a reception Hallowe'en.

Beside these two boy and girl parties we have had several Theta spreads, with the usual amount of fun.

With love to all,

DELTA.

PI.

ALBION COLLEGE, Nov. 29, 1893.

Dear Theta Sisters :

Again we meet for one of our quarterly visits in the JOURNAL. Truly these chats with the pen are very good substitutes for "face

to face" interviews, especially when one has been fortunate enough to attend our convention and meet so many of the sisters from the East, West, North and South. A few of us were so privileged this summer and report a delightful time and new enthusiasm created for our common cause. The names we find in the chapter letters hereafter will cease to be mere names, but will be living pictures of their owners.

Trusting that you will be interested in hearing about the place where Pi assembles for its weekly meetings, we venture to follow the example set us by some of our sisters and give you a description of our chapter hall. The trustees of our college gave us space seven years ago at the time of our establishment on the fourth floor of one of our college buildings. The weary climb to reach it and the trip through an unfinished part of the building only makes us appreciate it the more. It reminds us of one of these cycloramic paintings where one is prepared for the beauty about to burst upon his view by being obliged to enter through a long, dark passage. When we are all snugly assembled within its walls, we feel perfectly free to talk and act as we please—so high up and far away from everybody that eaves-droppers are not thought of. We have in this out-of-the-way corner two good-sized rooms. The walls and ceiling are tinted a light pearl, while the furnishings are largely in black and gold. Group photographs of our chapter in former years, paintings and etchings adorn the walls, while a black and gold grate in one corner throws out a comfortable warmth and light upon a pile of black and gold cushions, making the whole scene the very embodiment of "coziness." We sometimes wish our hall were more accessible in order that we might entertain more easily, but we enjoy it very much just as it is.

Pi has been very successful this year. Although the height of the rushing season is past we are wide awake. We have added five to our ranks this term, and each one is a *jewel*. I never saw a more enthusiastic, congenial lot of girls. We have a good-sized chapter and hold our meetings on Thursday afternoons.

Our literary work is in the line of fraternity education. Each girl is required to report upon two chapters of our fraternity. She is expected to find out all about the institution in which the chapter is located, and also something about the chapter itself. We feel that the benefits we derive from this will be not a few. But this letter is growing lengthy, so with love and good wishes to all Thetas, we will say "auf wiedersehen."

Pr.

ETA.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, ANN ARBOR.

If Eta chapter had needed any spur to maintain the standard of Kappa Alpha Theta, it would have been enough to know that the older Theta sisters were undoubtedly watching us with an interest not unmixed with anxiety. I suppose on account of its historic birthplace Eta will go down in the annals of Kappa Alpha Theta history as the Columbian chapter. With such an auspicious send-off, our future prosperity ought to be assured.

We girls came back to Ann Arbor in October, with mixed feelings. We had expected that there would be nine of us here to help in making a worthy place for Kappa Alpha Theta in the fraternities of Michigan University. But from one cause or another, three of the nine were prevented from returning and we found ourselves only six strong when college opened. Rather a dubious outlook for an infant chapter. However, looking back, perhaps our lack of numbers has not been altogether an evil. It has served to bring us more closely together than we would have been in a large chapter, has made us work more energetically and earnestly, and as a consequence we appreciate that we have won much more highly than we would have done if it had been more easily gained.

Fortune has been very kind to us in several respects. Our patroness, Mrs. M. L. H. Walker, has been everything to us and

by her sympathy and interest has more than made up to us for whatever hardship or disappointment we have had to meet. Mrs. Walker is not connected with the faculty but is a graduate of the university, and during her residence in Ann Arbor has taken an active part in the social side of University life and has identified herself especially with the girls of the university.

We had supposed that there were no members of the old Eta chapter living in Ann Arbor who had not identified themselves with Sorosis. We found, however, that Mrs. Adams, wife of Prof. Henry C. Adams, who is at the head of the political economy department here, had never withdrawn from Kappa Alpha Theta. She herself was uncertain as to whether she was a Theta or an Independent. We made haste to inquire at headquarters and were delighted to find that we could claim her as our resident member.

The other sororities received us very graciously and we were greeted either personally or formally by them all. As there are six Greek letter societies among the girls in the literary department, besides the Sorosis, there is a good deal of rivalry, but in almost every case the relations between the societies are very pleasant. There is some feeling, for the most part appearing in social intercourse, between the fraternities and the independents, the fault being on both sides. It is one of our aims to break down as far as possible this distinction and to establish a more kindly feeling among the girls. As we were most of us independents for some time, we think we can perhaps appreciate the situation better than some others and will know best how to remedy the evil.

When we came back in the fall, we found that all the sororities except Gamma Phi Beta had signed an agreement in regard to rushing and pledging. There was to be no wearing of pins during the first two weeks, examination week and the first week of college; no rushing at the Freshman spread (a reception given every year by the Sophomore girls to the Freshman girls, where all the college girls meet), no rushing on the campus and no

pledging until the Friday before Thanksgiving. The Gamma Phis agreed to the first part, but did not wish to bind themselves in regard to pledging. To understand the reason for this agreement it is necessary to know something about the extent to which the rushing has been carried here. Last year, especially, it was conducted in some cases in the most wholesale and irrational way. General sentiment, especially among the faculty ladies, is very strong against such a system and the agreement is an outcome of this feeling. We felt that though it might be a disadvantage to us at first, it was a step in the right direction, and we ought to help the good work along, so we, too, signed the compact.

We determined from the very beginning, that the standard of Eta chapter should be a high one. Even for the sake of increasing our meagre numbers we would not take in any members who were not perfectly congenial and desirable. We realize that the character of the chapter is to be formed in this first year and everything depends on the kind of girls we take in. We have three girls wearing the yellow and black now—Dorothea Roth, Fanny Gale and Lina Gjems—all worthy to be Thetas, that is the best I can say of them. We do not feel at all discouraged because we cannot add more to our numbers right away, for we have been working under disadvantages, and then, too, we have the rest of the year before us. We find that the national reputation of our fraternity has helped us a great deal and has done much to counterbalance the reluctance to enter a new chapter.

We were all very much disappointed because Miss Dietrich of Tau could not be with us for a few days as she had planned and as we had hoped. We have often felt that if we only had an experienced sister with us we would have gone more easily over some of the rough places.

One of the Omega girls, Miss Ellsworth, visited in Ann Arbor for a day or so, but unfortunately we knew nothing of it until a very short time before she left. Then one of our girls met

her and had a few minutes' conversation; the rest of us were very sorry not to have seen our California sister.

Those who do not already know may be interested to learn that there are about thirty men's fraternities in Ann Arbor and eight among the college women, including the Sorosis and the medical fraternity. Last year the number of women students was six hundred and ten; of men students, about twenty-one hundred. The college women are fortunate in having the Women's League, an organization of all the women students and the faculty ladies. It aims at bringing the college women into closer relations with one another and with the ladies of the faculty. This year the League has undertaken the new branch of inter-collegiate work by organizing a scheme of correspondence of which many of you have heard.

We want to tell all our Theta sisters how much our fraternity life has meant to us this year, that in spite of the hard up-hill work—perhaps because of it—we have enjoyed our college experience as Thetas more than the years we spent as independents, and that we trust the Kappa Alpha Theta sisterhood will never be ashamed of the Eta chapter. We thank those to whom we have written for help in our perplexities and those who have written to us out of the kindness of their hearts.

With love to those and all other Theta sisters,

ETA.

UPSILON.

Dear Theta Sisters :

Great was my surprise on receiving the October JOURNAL to find so few chapter letters, Upsilon's being also one of the missing links in our chain of correspondence. The reason may be, as in my case, that the new secretaries are at a loss as to what is required of them at first and the necessary letter reaches our editor too late or not at all. The old corresponding secretary

should have the matter in charge and hold herself responsible to the fraternity as a whole for her share in the work.

The first three months have passed very swiftly but quietly at our beloved University of Minnesota. Very much study, a few parties, and the tale of our school-life is told. Now the girls have separated to eat Thanksgiving turkey and prepare for the winter term's work.

We have adopted the plan of holding a business meeting on Friday afternoon every two weeks, and a social "just for ourselves" on the Monday evening of the alternate week. We have found it more successful than anything previously tried.

Two changes were made last week in the university regime by the faculty. The one is that of discarding the name of Professor and addressing all teachers as Mr. The other forbids us to know our standings until the fall following any year's work. This is to avoid the "worship of marks," as our President expressed it. All below eighty per cent are notified by their teachers and required to take examinations. Dress reform is also being agitated.

Mrs. Ernest A. Nickerson, nee Miss Minnie Rexford '92, has returned to the city for a short time. Grace Walther '93 is back as an assistant in Sanitary Science. Lillian Martin '91 is in St. Joseph, Mo., in order to avoid the Minnesota winter and regain health and strength.

We are still sixteen, having initiated no one since October 2. We are rushing quietly, if such a phrase may be used, and hope to be able to record one or two new names next time.

With best wishes for the winter of '93-'94,

UPSILON.

KAPPA.

KANSAS UNIVERSITY, Dec. 16th, 1893.

DEAR THETA SISTERS:

Kappa has a very successful year to report to the fraternity. We carried the day against the combined opposition, and

gained a great victory. We had an initiation that was a grand affair—nine girls were admitted to our mystic circle.

This is a higher number than was ever initiated at one time by any fraternity in this University.

You may believe that Kappa is very proud and happy.

Our initiation was held at May and Edith Haskell's charming suburban home, which is really an ideal place for an initiation as is shown by the many "events" of this kind that have been held there. We used our beautiful new ritual on this occasion. After the ceremonies we were served with an elegant supper.

Our chapter is on the tip-top of prosperity and with the addition this fall, Kappa is a large and enthusiastic chapter.

We gave a musical, one afternoon, at Emma Barber's, in honor of Miss Mary Stone of Kansas City, who entered after the school term had begun; she wore our black and gold before the afternoon was over and we initiated her not long ago at the home of Jeannette Wheeler.

Miss Bean of Leland Stanford, Jr., University made Kappa a short visit on her way west from Chicago. We all enjoyed hearing about our Phi sisters and the school life at Leland Stanford, Jr., University.

These meetings with our sisters from other chapters make us realize more than in any other way that ours is a national fraternity and that we are to be found from the Atlantic coast to the Pacific.

Our chapter is engaged in charitable work at present; the resident members not in school have charge of the sewing as they have time to arrange so that the work can be done most effectively. Mrs. Pierson has been of great assistance in this movement.

Three handsome new buildings will be added to our University this winter; the Chancellor's residence, which is in colonial style and built of pressed brick, will be completed before Christmas. The library will be a large, handsome building. It is constructed of native limestone with red stone finishings. The

third is a physical laboratory building. These buildings are the result of the Spooner bequest of \$100,000.

The University foot-ball team has not been so successful this fall as other years. It is a tie between Kansas and Missouri for the pennant. Until this year our University has had a "never defeated" team.

This fall the University had the honor of entertaining the State Convention of the Young Women's Christian Association. We realize more than ever the importance of the work and its high aims. Kate Riggs is President of the University Y. W. C. A. Mrs. Emery of Topeka, who presided at all the sessions with such grace and dignity, is a sister to Mrs. Annie Adams Baird of Nu chapter, now a missionary in Korea. The Hanover girls would have been as interested as we were in the letter written by Mrs. Baird telling of her life in that far off country.

The Women's League in the University, consisting of the Professors' wives, the lady members of the faculty, and the young ladies of the Junior and Senior classes, endeavors to look after new girl students. The League has entertained twice this year at Mrs. Brooks' and Mrs. Thatcher's. Aside from its social motives, the League has a committee to care for girls who may become ill; this is intended of course for those who are away from home.

Before we take leave of you, our new sisters must make their bows before their Theta sisters—Grace Caldwell, Jeannette Wheeler, Madge Schaum, Maud Smelser, Lottie Robinson, Edith Davis, Grace Poff, May Riggs, Mary Stone, Emma Barber.

Hoping that all the chapters of Kappa Alpha Theta have had as successful a year as we have had, we say good-bye.

Yours in Theta,

KAPPA.

ALPHA ALUMNAE.

Since this is the first letter contributed by the first alumnae chapter, perhaps we cannot do better than give a short history of ourselves as such.

The idea of an *alumnæ* chapter was first broached among the resident *alumnæ* on December 1st, 1892, and a few meetings were held looking toward the establishment of such a chapter, but owing to various delays, our plans were not carried into effect until February, when we finally obtained our charter, and were able to announce ourselves a full-fledged *alumnæ* chapter. We deem it especially fitting that the *alumnæ* of Alpha Chapter (which, with one exception, we are) should constitute the membership of Alpha *Alumnæ* Chapter.

Our first effort in the social line was a reception given the active chapter and the delegates, at the opening of the District Convention held here in March. Alpha *alumnæ* took an active part in that Convention, and were ably represented at the Convention in Chicago, as many of you know, by Miss Downey.

As a chapter we do no literary work. All our work in that line is done in our other organization, the Theta *Alumnæ* Club, the membership of which (numbering about twenty) is almost identical with that of the chapter. This club is now in its third year, and is most flourishing. Meetings are held every fourth Saturday afternoon during nine months of the year, the programme for the year's work being prepared in advance. The meetings are very informal in character. No set paper is read, but the leader for the day takes the reins and conducts the discussion, into which all enter with zeal. These occasions are not only enjoyable in a literary way, but are most delightful socially, and we look forward with pleasure to each meeting.

When the subject of an *alumnæ* chapter arose, many were in favor of forming the club into a chapter. But others wished to keep it a distinctively literary club, and to maintain a standing among the women's clubs of the State, which would be impossible should we become an official part of a secret sorority. So we decided to form our chapter as a separate organization. It seems to us, however, that other *alumnæ* might combine the workings

of our two bodies with a most satisfactory result. We trust that we may not long be the only alumnæ chapter.

Yours in the grip,

ALPHA ALUMNÆ.

Gamma District.

OMEGA.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, }
BERKELEY.

The most important event that Omega has to record since the last JOURNAL was published is, of course, the first initiation of the term. After a rushing season of seven weeks we could have no doubts about which of the Freshman girls we desired to see Thetas, and accordingly on the evening of October 6th we initiated Ethel Olney, Emma Morgan, Beatrice Fox and Lucretia Watson, all of '97, and Grace Sutton and Annie Brewer, both of '95. It is unnecessary to say that Omega is proud of her new girls and that they one and all make true and loyal Thetas.

This initiation was likewise our first real "frat gathering" of the year, for many of our alumnæ came together for the first time since college opened. After the initiation followed the usual banquet with toasts and songs, making in all a very pleasant evening. We greatly enjoyed having with us on this occasion Mrs. Smith, our district president, and Miss Fyfe of Phi. We have never before had the pleasure of having any of the Phi girls attend our initiation, and we hope that henceforward they will visit us more frequently.

Omega has recently adopted a new plan for chapter meetings—a plan quite similar to Lambda's, as described to us by Mrs. Spear. Situated as we are with a number of girls living in the house and so many coming into luncheon, we do not feel the need of meetings as frequently as those chapters which are together

less. We have, however, set aside one evening of every month, the first Friday, as "frat night." On that evening the entire chapter assembles at Theta Hall and partakes of a Theta dinner, devoting the rest of the time to fraternity affairs and fun. The regular business meetings of course occur as formerly.

For the first time since the chapter was founded, Omega has had a wedding. On October 14th, Louise Mapes Bunnel ex-'94 and Mr. Charles Keeler '93 were married at the bride's home in San Francisco. Many of the girls were present to give the chapter's good wishes.

Just before the Thanksgiving recess Omega gave a tea to the ladies of the Faculties and to the college girls. This gave us an excellent opportunity to become more widely acquainted with the girls in the university, for their numbers are increasing so rapidly now that it is difficult to know many of them. If our guests enjoyed themselves as much as we did entertaining them, it was a pleasant afternoon for all.

With kindest wishes,

OMEGA.



PERSONALS.

Iota.

MARRIED, Oct. 24, 1893, Dr. Olga Neymann, one of Iota's charter members, to Mr. Carl Glücksmann.

Anna Barrett '93 is teaching at the convent of Mount Le Chantal, near Wheeling, W. Va.

Dorothy Vedder '93 is teaching in the High school at Catskill, N. Y.

Erla Hittle '93 formerly of Epsilon chapter, is traveling abroad.

Iota has just enjoyed a visit from Miss Henderson of Epsilon. Born, November 27th, to Mrs. Rosamond Field Esty, a son.

Alpha Beta.

S. Ellen Williams '93 is teaching at the Friends' Academy, Locust Valley, Long Island.

Jane Atkinson '93 and Annie Hillborn '92 are studying for second degrees. Annie Hillborn is at the same time teaching in the kindergarten department of the Friends' Central school, Philadelphia.

Margaret Moore Bancroft ex-'93 is living in West Philadelphia. Her husband, Milton H. Bancroft, is instructor of drawing at the Academy of Fine Arts, Philadelphia.

Mary E. Brownell '92 is teaching at the Abington Friends' school, Jenkintown, Pa.

The engagement of M. Ellen Atkinson '92 to Edward Jenkins '92 is announced.

Agnes E. Walker ex-'96 is at home in Manchester, Va.

At the Haverford-Swarthmore game, November 24th, Alpha Beta appeared in a tally-ho, proudly flying the garnet of Swarthmore. After the game all the Swarthmore girls were invited to the home of our sister Hannah Clothier at Wynnewood.

Elizabeth Miller and Bertha Lippincott represent Theta on the editorial board of the Junior annual, the *Halcyon*.

Bertha Broomell and Caroline Sargent represent us on the staff of the college paper, the *Phoenix*. For the first time in the history of the paper, a girl was elected editor-in-chief. That girl was Bertha Broomell, but she refused to serve for personal reasons.

Mary S. Ash '97 and Emily T. Brooke '96 were initiated into K. A. Θ. November 25th, at the home of Hannah Clothier '91.

Mary W. Titus '94 was initiated November 1st, at the home of Helen Hillborn '94 in Swarthmore.

Epsilon.

Miss Mary Henderson is visiting in Ithaca, N. Y. She expected to have an opportunity to meet the girls of Iota chapter.

Miss Helen Jeffries '89 will spend her Thanksgiving vacation at her home in Wooster.

Miss Belle Tevis '91 who has been teaching in Lima, expects to visit Wooster friends on Thanksgiving.

Miss Caroline Graham '97 is not able to be in school at present on account of her health.

Pi.

On Wednesday evening, November 29th, Lottie Kempton, who was one of our active members two years ago, was married to Mr. Ralph Woolen of Stanton, Mich.

We rejoice in having Ella Castor of '92 with us again as Mrs. Prof. Burnham.

Marion Hathaway '93 made us a welcome visit a few weeks ago.

Mrs. L. J. Knapp *nee* Gertrude Allen (whom the girls of Chi will remember) visited us recently.

Our sister, Theo Marie Gardner, who has been studying in Germany since June of '92, is spending the winter at Berlin, attending the Berlin University. We hope to have her with us again next year.

Zua W. Thomas, now Mrs. H. N. Ott, is visiting her parents and her Theta sisters in Albion.

Julia K. Monroe, one of our pledglings, is spending the winter in Tennessee. She expects to be in college next year.

Mrs. Dewitt Prossens of Italy, N. Y., *nee* Jennie Armstrong, visited us recently.

Maude Cooper '97 recently enjoyed a visit from her father, who delivered an address in connection with the semi-centennial celebration of Albion College.

Eta.

Kate Landfair, who expected to be in college this year, is in California on account of ill health.

Martha Chadbourne and Mamah Bostwick, who are teaching in the Port Huron, Mich., High School, and Jessie Beal of Lansing, spent part of the Thanksgiving vacation with their Theta sisters in Ann Arbor.

Bertha Hall is attending the Pratt Institute, Brooklyn.

Alice Wadsworth is teaching in Chicago. We hope to have her with us next year.

Kappa.

Maggie Smith '96, will return for the Spring term.

Helen Simpson is much improved in health since her trip to Excelsior Springs.

Mrs. May Walter Kenyon is in Lawrence, her old home.

Eleanor Blaker is at home in Kansas City this year.

Kappa has four seniors this year—Kate Riggs, Mary Haskell, Winifred Churchill, Mary Barkley.

Mame Barrett of Ottawa made Kappa a short visit recently.

Lottie Robinson is a graduate of Bethany's music school.

Omega.

Among our alumnæ present at our initiation of October 6th were Elsie Lee '89, Grace Fisher '89, Grace de Fremery '91, Emily Hamilton '91, Jessie Watson '92, Susie Webb '93 and Mabel Hall '93.

Jennie Ellsworth '93, after a three months' visit in the East, returned home in November. While in Vermont she visited Mrs. Spear and also had the pleasure of meeting the Lambda girls.

Since college opened two of our girls have played truant and made flying trips to the World's Fair. During October Mary McLean '95 spent two weeks in Chicago, and early in November Mabel Gray '94 went East.

Lou Heacock '92 is now living in Santa Cruz.

EXCHANGES.

Miss Lena Aronson, of Hot Springs, Ark., a highly educated and prominent teacher and a young and beautiful girl as well, has entered a Hebrew convent in Cincinnati, and is preparing herself to become a rabbi.—Ex.

Smith College opened September 15 with a class of 270, being 50 more than the class of last year. The whole number of students is 800. The examinations were unusually severe and many failed to pass.—Ex.

Eight of the 110 women lawyers in the United States have, by practicing three years at the bar without a flaw in their career, earned the right to practice before the Supreme Court.—*Harper's Bazar*.

Cornell has a total fraternity membership of about 1,000, or two-thirds of the entire student body, being the highest per cent of fraternity men to the total attendance of any of the larger universities. The field is occupied by twenty-seven chapters, twenty-three of which occupy chapter houses.—Ex.

What college boy has not worshipped at the shrine of his ideal woman, and paid court to her, who for years has received such attention from preceding classes, and who has descended to the class of '97 as an heirloom. With this much as a preface, I will drop into my subject as unceremoniously as possible.—Ex.

Margout Houghery of New Orleans, an Irish peasant girl, honored throughout that region for her deeds of charity, is the only woman to whom a public statue has been erected in America.—Ex.

Mrs. Arthur Stannard (John Strange Winter) has been elected a fellow of the Royal Society of Literature, the first time the honor has been conferred on a woman since the society was founded in 1823.—Ex.

The grave of George Eliot at Highgate, near London, is said to be in a sad state of neglect.—Ex.

President Gilman, of the Johns Hopkins University, has announced that the new medical school for men and women to be connected with the great Johns Hopkins hospital will be opened next October. The course of instruction will continue through four years.—*The Shield*.

The Randolph-Macon Women's College, with an endowment of \$100,000, will be opened at Lynchburg in September. This college for women will have the same course as Vassar and Wellesley, and will fill a long-felt want for such an institution in the South.—*The Scroll*.

The old "cross roads colleges" are graduating seven-eighths of the educated men of America; they are paying higher salaries to instructors than those institutions in which the Eastern fraternities were founded and in which chapters are still maintained; and it can hardly be doubted that within ten years the reproachful patronizing term, "western college," will be uttered only with an inflection of pride and respect.—*The College Fraternity*.

The Senior class at Wellesley College have donned Oxford caps and gowns.—Ex.

The class of '93 at Michigan State University is said to have been the largest ever sent out by an American college or university.—Ex.

The preposterous foolishness of fraternities choosing floral emblems has been illustrated again and again, but now comes *B Θ H* railing against *A T Ω* because, forsooth, the latter had the temerity to choose the "white tea rose" as symbol of its order, which is against the law as laid down by the former, they having a monopoly on all roses as emblems.

A truce to all this silliness.—Ex.

Through the generosity of a friend of Cornell University and the efforts of Professor Hewitt, the splendid library of Professor Zarnieke, of the University of Leipzig, has been purchased and presented to the University. This collection embraces more than 18,000 volumes, unequalled by any private library in Germany and surpassed possibly by but few of the greater university libraries.—Associated Press dispatch.

Kappa Kappa Gamma established a chapter in Swarthmore College last June.—Ex.

Just as we are in press there comes to our table a stranger in a white glazed dress with a cut on its face called "the little socialist." The stranger's name is *The University Review*. Under this pretentious title we discover the epitaph of *The College Fraternity* in these words, "formerly The College Fraternity." No other explanation appears in this, the first number. We note that F. M. Crossett is the manager and M. M. Miller, *Σ X*, is editor. We wonder what has become of Mr. Randolph and why this new magazine is promulgated. It can not be called a successor to *College Fraternity*, as it is in no way a college periodical. Fraternity existence is not indicated in any particular. It is simply a collection of literary efforts. Whether it will take the place the *College Fraternity* purposed to fill we doubt very much. We have no criticism for the magazine. It is neatly gotten up, in excellent form, and full of good matter for those who like that

kind. To the reader who wishes to get under one cover a general idea of fraternity or even college life this new applicant will prove entirely unsatisfactory.—*The Shield*.

Dickinson College has taken a new departure in regard to class discipline. Each class has one member of the faculty for its dean, to whom it can apply for excuses and settlement of all grievances.—*N. Y. Tribune*.

For the first time in the history of the college a young woman is enrolled as a regular student. The members of the upper classes are not enthusiastic over the innovation, but the Freshmen are loyal to the "co-ed."—*Rochester University Letter to N. Y. Tribune*.

Chicago leads New York in the employment of women in business. There is scarcely an office or store in which women are not employed. It is said that women who wish to support themselves are more favored in Chicago than elsewhere, for since the dreadful fire of twenty years ago, which made so many women homeless, the business men have shown an inclination to help every woman who wants to help herself.

Writing in the *Nineteenth Century*, Canon Browne suggests the foundation of an imperial university for women, in which the curriculum would be adapted to the requirements of women and open up a career for them in connection with the higher education "comparable in honor and emolument with that open to men." At Oxford and Cambridge women are not qualified for degrees. The writer doubts whether the best educational course for men is, in any case, the best educational course for women. His ideal university would have a central council—a senate with degrees, fellowships, etc.; and women holding the degrees of this university would have some share in its management.—Ex.

The Johns Hopkins Medical School, endowed by the beneficence of Miss Mary Garrett of Baltimore, was opened for students the first of October. The standard of admission is higher than in any other institution in the country and the requirements for a degree are probably higher than any medical school in the world, a few of the German universities possibly excepted. The first year opened with sixteen students in attendance, three of whom were ladies.—Ex.

The following is a list of the ten largest universities in the United States, with the membership of each: University of Michigan, 2,800; Harvard University, 2,500; Northwestern University, 2,000; Yale University, 1,969; Cornell University, 1,576; University of Wisconsin, 1,300; University of the City of New York, 1,200; Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1,100; Princeton University, 1,061; DePauw University, 1,050.—*The College Fraternity.*

The fraternity's strength lies in the strong fraternal spirit which must be built up in the chapter itself—a spirit which the ordinary intercourse of the day in the university halls, on the campus or on the street cannot create and cannot render defiantly strong. The chapter meeting, the real family meeting of the fraters of the order, is the proper and only place, and just in proportion as these meetings are promptly and fully and gladly attended, will the chapter be strong, and the fraternal bond not merely drawing interest for four years, but for life.—*Rainbow.*

A comparison of the expenses of the college girl at the leading colleges for women shows the following: At Mount Holyoke the cost in round numbers for board and tuition, without extras and incidentals, is \$200 a year; at the Woman's College in Baltimore, \$300; at Wellesley, \$350; at Smith, \$350; at Vassar, \$400; and, at Bryn-Mawr, \$475. To this outlay the student has in

addition the extra expenses of her toilet, traveling expenses, expenses for music and painting, for attendance on certain extra lectures, the fee for membership in college societies, and usually a share of the cost of the class entertainments given during the year. The expenses may be decided by the young woman herself, as may also the cost of the petty extras for comfort or decoration that she adds to her room.—Ex.

The only other feminine organ, or organ of feminine orders, on the table is the *Kappa Alpha Theta*. This pretty magazine has always been a favorite here. We regret that it has lost something of that plumpness of appearance that formerly was one of its attractive characteristics. Most men are pleased by a genuine plumpness of feminine make-up. However, the willowy style is by no means destitute of admirers, and while the dainty magazine, now upon the rack, is not as plump as of yore, yet it presents a healthy and graceful appearance.

Kappa Alpha Theta held a convention this summer in that great big town, Chicago, and although the Fair, with its added hurly-burly was in Chicago, the *K. A. Θ.* convention was not submerged. Of course the girls had a good time and, it seems, a prosperous meeting.

The fraternity is to be congratulated upon abandoning the system of honorary membership. The tendency of Greekdom is against this false method of gaining prominence.

The editor is rejoicing at the granting of a salary to her, and in a fit of girlishness declares that she pinches herself to be sure she is not dreaming. The granting of this salary is a well-merited compliment to the editors of the *Kappa Alpha Theta*, and the JOURNAL's only wish is that the compensation is commensurate with the efficiency with which the fair writer discharges her editorial duties.—*Kappa Alpha Journal*.